(*c*) No. Neither the President of the Society nor the Government Directors or Arbitrator or anybody else affected has brought it to the notice of the Government.

(*d*) Does not arise.

SALE OF COTTON IN CHITRADURGA DISTRICT

644. Sri V. MASIYAPPA (Challakere).—

Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Minister for Agriculture and Forests had announced in Chitradurga in the month of April 1972 that a branch office of the Cotton Corporation of India would be opened in Chitradurga in about a week's time and that the cotton of Chitradurga Market would be purchased by the Corporation at the assured price;

(*b*) if so, whether any such branch office has been opened in Chitradurga and when;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that the Cotton growers have been put to great loss since they withheld the sale of cotton in the hope of selling it to the Corporation and get the assured price?

Sri A. SHANKARA ALVA (Minister for Co-operation).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) No such case has come to notice of Government. However, the Taluk Agricultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Societies of Chitradurga and Davanagere made purchases of cotton to the extent of 1268 quintals and 63 kgs. valued at Rs. 2,48,672.

C. I. T. B. FOR DAVANAGERE CITY

901. Smt. NAGAMMA C. KESHAVA MURTHY (Davanagere).—

Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government has received any representation regarding the establishment of City Improvement Trust Board for Davanagere City;

(*b*) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Municipal Administration.)—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Action will be taken to set up an Improvement Trust Board after the Mysore Urban Development Boards Bill, 1973 is finalised.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *re:— Acute scarcity of drinking water in Tumkur Town.*

Sri K. Abdul Subhan(Tumkur).— I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration to the acute scarcity of drinking water in Tumkur Town.

Sri B. Basavalingappa.—(Minister for Municipal Administration).—I state as follows.

The Water supply and distribution in Tumkur Town is being maintained by the Town Municipal Council, Tumkur. There is some scarcity of drinking water in Tumkur town due to increase of population.

The water nuppiy to Tumkur town at present is in the order of 8 gallons per capita per day and is not adequate. Improvements by sinking of test wells in waste weir halla of Mydala Tank and Gulharvi village taken by the Public Health Engineering Department had to be abandoned due to the agitation by ryots. Action Taken for sinking borewells in the feeder halla of Agrahara Tank in Suvarnamukhi also had to be abandoned on similar grounds. The condition of water supply being nnsatisfactory and on a request made by the Municipality several alternatives including the one by raising the capacity of Mydala tank and others were in-